The Council re-assembled at the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, the 22nd day of March 1921, the Hon'ble Diwan Bahadur Sir P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR, K.C.S.I., C.I.E., President, presiding.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[*Order made by the President of the Madras Legislative Council under Standing Order No.* 15—

(1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table an hour before the President takes his seat.

(2) The questions shall be put and answered in the following manner :—

The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in alphabetical order, specify the serial numbers of his questions and make a sufficient pause to allow him or any other member a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

Bezwada railway station.

453 Q.—Mr. S. R. Y. ANKINEDU PRASAD Bahadur: To ask the Hon'ble the Home Member—

(*a*) how long the Bezwada railway station was under construction and what amount of money was spent upon it and from what source ;

(*b*) whether the main building has already cracked at some places ; and

(*c*) whether the retiring rooms have now been thrown open to Europeans and Indians alike.

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have no information.

(*c*) The Agent, Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway, reports that one room in each of the gentlemen's and ladies' waiting rooms at Bezwada has been set apart for Indians from the 25th November 1920.

Racial distinction in dining-cars in Madras-Calcutta trains.

454 Q.—Mr. S. R. Y. ANKINEDU PRASAD Bahadur: To ask the Hon'ble the Home Member—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the European passengers are invariably served first and are better attended to than the Indian passengers in the dining-cars attached to the Madras-Calcutta trains ; and

(*b*) if so, whether the Government would ask the Agent to take early steps to remove racial distinctions in these matters.

A.—The Government have no information. The question will be brought to the notice of the Railway administration.

Toy industry of Kondapalli.

455 Q.—Mr. S. R. Y. ANKINEDU PRASAD Bahadur: To ask the Hon'ble the Minister for Development to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the toy industry of Kondapalli in the Kistna district was once in a flourishing condition ;

(*b*) whether its deterioration was due to want of proper encouragement;

(*c*) whether there is any possibility of its immediate revival by means of State aid ; and

(*d*) whether such industry is carried on in any part of the Presidency.

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The development of the industry is already under the consideration of the Director of Industries from whom a report will be obtained on the subject.

(*d*) The manufacture of wooden toys is also carried on at Nakkapalle and Etikoppaka in Vizagapatam district, at Palghat in Malabar district, at Tanjore and at Settikunta in Cuddapah district.